



# NEWSLETTER



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## Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Sign-Up

The Jackson-Vinton FSA Committee has been approved to implement the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to offer assistance to producers who suffered damage to agricultural property as a result of the severe flooding on May 10, 2011. The program makes cost share assistance available to rehabilitate farm fields damaged by a natural disaster to the extent that federal cost share is required to restore the land to a farmable condition. The committee has established a sign-up period which will end on **August 19, 2011**.

Eligible practices are:

- EC1 – Removing Debris From Farmland which includes crop residue, sand, gravel, etc.
- EC2 - Grading, leveling, and shaping to repair washed out holes and scour areas in fields.
- EC3 – Restoring Permanent Fences.
- EC4 - Restoration of Conservation Structures to repair or replace such things as constructed sod waterways, diversions, etc.

The cost share assistance will be 75% of the cost based on established average costs for the various practices. After the application has been filed, a farm visit will be completed to determine the extent of the damage and amount of funds needed. In order to qualify for assistance, the total damage must exceed \$1,000.

## 2011 DCP/ACRE

Late-filed applications for enrollment in the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) program can be approved by the committee if filed by **August 1, 2011**.

## USDA Continues Process to Resolve Discrimination Claims of Hispanic and Women Farmers

As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, USDA established a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov).

**Individuals can register to receive a claims package by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429.** USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

## 2011 Committee Election Nominations and Meeting

The 2011 committee elections will be held in the following areas:

- LAA 3 which covers Clinton, Knox, Madison, Vinton, and Wilkesville townships in Vinton County.
- LAA 4 which covers Hamilton, Jefferson, Liberty, and Scioto townships in Jackson County.

Nominating petitions must be filed by August 1, 2011. An informational meeting will be held July 28, 2011 in the Service Center meeting room for any interested in learning more about the FSA committee

### Current Reminders

- Sheep and Wool producers need to file their CCC-633 Page 1 before selling unshorn lambs or wool to maintain eligibility for the LDP payments available due to low prices.
- The July interest rates for the Farm Storage Facility Loans range from 2.375% to 3.25%.
- Report changes in ownership and operation of farms as they occur so we can keep our records up-to-date.
- Report changes in banking information as soon as it occurs so that direct deposits are not delayed.
- Livestock losses occurring as a result of weather conditions should be reported to our office when they occur in order to maintain eligibility for potential payment under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Dates to Remember	
July 28	Election Meeting
July 29	Deadline for 2009 SURE
August 1	Nomination Deadline
September 8	<b>Farm-City Field Day – Dempsey’s</b>
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program.
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

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Carl A Nelson, County Executive Director

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